

FY 2007 State General Aid to Community Colleges Difference Between Governor's Recommendation and Department Request

The Governor's recommendation for FY 2007 State General Aid to Community Colleges is \$155,562,414, an increase of \$5,983,170 compared to estimated FY 2006. This represents a 4.0% increase compared to the FY 2006 appropriation.

The community colleges requested a FY 2007 appropriation of \$160,829,244, an increase of \$11,250,000 compared to estimated FY 2006. This represents a 7.5% increase compared to the FY 2006 appropriation. The colleges request was calculated by applying 4.0% allowable growth to 75.0% of unrestricted general operating expenditures, using FY 2004 as the base year.

State General Aid supports significantly less than 75.0% of the general operating expenditures. For instance, State General Aid was only 36.6% of the unrestricted revenue that supported general operating expenditures in FY 2004. Other sources of revenue include tuition and fees, local property tax, and federal funds.

The chart below provides a graphic illustration of the differences between the calculation methods used by the Governor and the colleges.

**Community Colleges
Basis for FY 2007 Budget Request
and Governor's Recommendation**

